

Please make the following change to page 3, line 7:

B³ "quasi-permanent" means that the electric charge resides in the electret under standard atmospheric conditions (22 °C, 101,300 Pascals atmospheric pressure, and 50% humidity) for a time period long enough to be significantly measurable; and

Please make the following changes to page 7, line 12:

B⁴ The charge-imparting liquid, the article, and other components used in the method can be selected to produce an electret having desired properties such that it is suitable for a predetermined use. The method is particularly well-suited for imparting electret properties to nonwovens and for enhancing the filtering performance of nonwovens. One measure of filtering performance is particle capture efficiency — that is, the ability of an article to capture particles. Preferably the charged article exhibits greater particle capture efficiency relative to an uncharged article. More preferably, the particle capture efficiency of the charged article is enhanced by at least about 10%, most preferably by at least about 20%, relative to the particle capture efficiency of the same uncharged article.